

Hongkong Telegraph

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,125,000
PAID-UP £688,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.
INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [20]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq.,
Chen Kit Shan, Esq.,
H. Stoller, Esq.,
Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Paisley Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest on 12 months Fixed. 5 per Cent.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1893. [7]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £3,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.15.0

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST.
ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHEALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £275,000

INTEREST ALLOWED ON CURRENT ACCOUNT at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balances.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [565]

Insurances.

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY

has long taken the lead in SIMPLIFYING THE CONDITIONS and LIBERALISING THE CONTRACT OF LIFE ASSURANCE, thereby giving greatly increased Security to the Holders of the Company's Policies.

For full particulars and rates, Apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 29th June, 1894. [743]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL TAELS 600,000 \$535,333.33
EQUAL TO \$535,000.00
RESERVE FUND \$318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq.,
LOU TAO SHUN, Esq.,
MANAGER.—HO AMEL

MARINE RISKS ON GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [940]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 26th May, 1894. [1184]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,

ON SATURDAY, the 6th October, 1894, commencing at 2.30 P.M.,

at his SALE ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET, Removed from EARNSTOWN and for other Accounts.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:

SEVERAL DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, in BROCATELLE, SILK TAPESTRY and other MATERIALS; OVERMANTLES, with PLAIN & BEVELLED GLASSES, CLOCKS, PAINTINGS, ORNAMENTS, TEA & FANCY TABLES, BOOK CASE, LADY'S DESK, FENDERS and IRONS, CARPETS, RUGS, CURTAINS, POLES, &c.

HANDSOME SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, MOROCCO COVERED DINING CHAIRS, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER & DESSERT SERVICES, ELECTRO-PLATE and GLASS WARE, CUTLERY, TABLE LINEN, &c., &c.

SEVERAL IRON and BRASS MOUNTED BEDSTEADS with WIRE and HAIR MATTRESSES, BED-ROOM SUITE, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, LADIES' DRESSING TABLES, with PLAIN and BEVELLED GLASSES.

HANDSOME SILK EMBROIDERED JAPANESE SCREEN and PLAQUES, PANTY and BATH-ROOM REQUISITES, IRON COOKING STOVE, ONE "RICKSHA," nearly New, and SEVERAL BICYCLES, &c., &c.

Also, SEVERAL COPIES OF "SCENES FROM EVERY LAND," over 500 PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS, with Introduction from General LEW WALLACE.

Catalogues issued prior to Sale. On View from Friday, the 5th October.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 2nd October, 1894. [1027]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

Under the Most Distinguished Patronage of H.E. Sir WILLIAM ROBINSON, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong.

H.E. Major-General DIGBY BARKER, C.B., Commanding H.M.'s Forces in China, And the *élite* of the Colony.

MR. NATH. RUCHWALDY will give an Entertainment at the above Theatre, kindly assisted by some WELL-KNOWN AMATEURS, and his PUPILS

ON SATURDAY, THE 13TH OCTOBER, 1894.

PROGRAMME:—"AN ENTERTAINMENT IN COLOURS," in which Messrs. BRADY and C. T. ROBINSON will appear in entirely New Songs.

NEW LADY AMATEURS A Complete Banjo Band, &c., &c.

By Special Desire. The Musical Flower Fairy Tale entitled "FANSY."

Written and Composed by Mr. N. RUCHWALDY, and Performed by over 30 Young Ladies and Children.

To conclude with a beautiful ideal personification of "THE WALTZ."

Tickets may be had from TO-DAY. Price \$2 & \$1.

PLAN at Messrs. W. ROBINSON & Co.'s. Hongkong, 24th September, 1894. [1005]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

THE BLACK PLAGUE.

THE HONGKONG MINSTRELS

WILL GIVE TWO MORE OF THEIR POPULAR ENTERTAINMENTS For the BENEFIT of the PLAGUE WORKERS.

ON DATES TO BE FIXED HEREAFTER.

UNDER DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE AND SUPPORT.

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAMME.

FULL PARTICULARS in PROGRAMMES, which will be shortly issued.

Popular Prices \$2 & \$1. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform, half-price to Back Seats only.

Doors Open at 8.30. Commencing at 9 o'clock precisely.

PLAN and TICKETS at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, Limited.

SEATS may be Booked on and after SATURDAY, September 15th.

A SPECIAL TRAM will run to the Peak, and a SPECIAL LAUNCH to Kowloon, 15 minutes after each Performance.

WILLIAM BLAYNAY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 14th September, 1894. [1099]

Intimations.

W. BREWER
HAS JUST RECEIVED.

CAWS' STYLOGRAPHIC PENS.
Caws' Fountain Pens with Gold Nibs. (These Pens used with Caws' Stylographic Ink are the most satisfactory in the market.)

Wallace's "Prince of India." Hayes—"Among Men and Horses." Sanderson's History of England and British Empire.

Stead—"If Christ came to Chicago." The Transmigration of the Mandarin Fum-Hoan. Large Selection of New Pocket Knives. Cricketing Materials.

TENNIS MATERIALS.
Footballs. Japanese Tin Despatch and Cash Boxes. Photographic Materials for Amateurs. Fine quality Egyptian Cigarettes. Gent's Brown Walking Boots and Shoes. Gent's Dancing Pumps. New Framed Engravings. A great variety of Playing Cards, gilt and plain edges. Water Colour Boxes in great variety. Sent's Stamp Albums in great variety.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.
[675]

KELLY & WALSH, LD.
NOW READY—PRICE \$1.00 THE SET.

NEW MAPS OF

KOREA

AND

NORTH CHINA.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1894. [6]

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

Electric Lighting throughout the Premises.

Telegraphic Address:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

THIS long-established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river in the centre of the Settlements, is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER, SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter.

COMMODOUS RECEPTION ROOM FOR VISITORS.

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

An Assistant attends on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—Special reduced charges may be arranged for on application to the Manager.

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF SHIP AND ENGINE STORES OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.

PRICE'S SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

BELL'S SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OILS.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 16th July, 1894.

TELEPHONE No. 97. [30]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East, 4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1894. [41]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "KREMLIN," A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE, No. 32.

BOARD AND LODGING

FROM \$5.00 PER DAY.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TO ALL FLOORS.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH Conveys PASSENGERS and BAGGAGES to and from all MAIL STEAMERS.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

HOTEL CHAMBERS.

BOARD AND LODGING

FROM \$80 PER MONTH.

ROOMS TO LET on 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

Apply to **R. TUCKER,**
Manager.

R. LYALL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1894.

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the SOCIETY will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 6th October next, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statements of Accounts for the year 1893, and for the half-year ending the 30th June, 1894.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 25th September to the 6th October, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
DOUGLAS JONES,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1894. [992]

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL CHEAP EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SHOULD the weather be favourable, the Steamer "HONAM" will make a SPECIAL TRIP TO MACAO on SUNDAY next, 7th October.

Times of Departure:—From HONGKONG at 9 A.M. and returning will leave MACAO at 10 P.M.

Return Fare, \$2. No Second-class or Single Fares. Chinese servants, 50 cents each way.

During the afternoon there will be a GRAND RELIGIOUS PROCESSION in MACAO, and in the Evening a FANCY FAIR will be held in the Public Gardens.

TICKETS may be obtained on SATURDAY at the Office of the Company or on board the Steamer on the morning of sailing.

T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st October, 1894. [1026]

THE PHARMACY,
Under New and Experienced Management.

LACTOMALINE.—A superior and palatable combination for INDIGESTION and CONSUMPTION.

SCRUBB'S CLOUDY AMMONIA.—Excels as a cleansing agent and makes a refreshing addition to the bath.

INDIA CHOLAGOGUE.—An unfailing remedy for Fever and Ague.

Sole Agents in Hongkong for "TANSAN" the New Japanese Table Water which contains 8 per cent. more Iron Carbonate than that of any similar Spa.

FLITCHER & Co.—CHEMISTS, PERFUMERS, WINE and SPIRIT MERCHANTS, &c., 25, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 14th September, 1894. [28]

"DERMATOL."

MANUFACTURED BY FARBERG, HOFMEYER & Co., its effect in stimulating the closing up of WOUNDS, and in internal administration against diarrhoea, is described as amazing.

D. R. KNORR'S LION BRAND ANTI-PYRINE.

(DOSE FOR ADULTS 15 TO 35 GRAINS TROV.)

Is the most approved and most efficacious remedy in cases of HEADACHE, MIGRAINE, NEURALGIA, RHEUMATISM, FEVER, TYPHUS, INFLUENZA, DENGUE, ERYSIPELAS, HOOPING COUGH, and many other complaints. It is also the very best Antiseptic.

Highly recommended by the Medical Faculty, and for Dr. KNORR'S ANTI-PYRINE. Each Tin bears the Inventor's signature "Dr. KNORR" in red letters.

To be had at every reputable Chemist and Druggist.

Supplies constantly on hand at the China Export Import and Bank Company.

Beware of spurious imitations.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1894. [446]

WANTED FOR SIX MONTHS.

FURNISHED HOUSE on UPPER LEVELS or at the PEAK.

Apply to "DELTA," c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.

Hongkong, and October, 1894. [1029]

WANTED.

A MANAGER for the HONGKONG HOTEL on or before 1st May next.

SALARY \$200 per Month and Commission. Guaranteed minimum of the latter at the rate of \$125 per Month.

Apply to THE SECRETARY, Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1894. [979]

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED are prepared to GIVE ESTIMATES for FITTING the PATENT PROCESS on LAND and MARINE BOILERS for BURNING CHARBONNAGES COAL DUST.

GORDON & Co.,
BOWRINGTON FOUNDRY, East Point.

Hongkong, 20th August, 1894. [1893]

MEE CHEUNG,
PHOTOGRAPHER,
TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN Ice-House Road.

Is now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICED in the Colony or in any part of the Far East.

GROUPS AND VIEWS a speciality.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1894. [1000]

NOTICE TO CAPTAINS.

MASTERS of Vessels arriving here CAN NOT BE TOO PARTICULAR as to the SOURCE of supply of FRESH WATER, more especially during the present epidemic.

J. W. KEW & Co.'s GREAT WATER-BOILERS enable them to SUPPLY VESSELS with any quantity of PURE FRESH WATER, with the greatest despatch and at moderate rates.

Call on "W." Commercial Code.

Office 21, Prince Street.
Hongkong, 14th June, 1894. [995]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

THE Company's Steamship

"FORMOSA," Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the above Ports TO-MORROW, the 4th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,** General Managers.

Hongkong, 3rd October, 1894. [1028]

FOR YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"DAVENTRY," Captain Garraworthy, will be despatched for the above Port on SATURDAY, the 6th October, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, 28th September, 1894. [1019]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, Fiume, AND TRIESTE.

Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS.

THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA," Captain P. Mera, will be despatched at above on SATURDAY, the 6th instant.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to **SANDER & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1894. [991]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"GLAMORGANSHIRE," Captain H. N. Vyvyan, will be despatched at above on or about TUESDAY, the 9th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,** Agents.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1894. [1024]

"STRATH" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship

"STRATHLEVEN," Cormack, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on or about WEDNESDAY, the 10th October.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **DODWELL, CARLILL**

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
COMPANY, LIMITED,
VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

EUCALYPTUS
OIL.

MESSRS. DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK &
CO., LD., were the first to introduce
EUCALYPTUS OIL into Hongkong, and the
quality of their import is still unsurpassed.

EUCALYPTUS OIL

Is a sovereign remedy for
COLDS, INFLUENZA AND CATARRH.
A first-rate Germicide. Is a more powerful
disinfectant than Carbolic Acid.

FOR MOSQUITO BITES,
FOR USE IN THE BATH.

D. C. & Co.'s

EUCALYPTUS OIL.

BOTTLES—50 cents & \$1.
Hongkong, 12th September, 1894.

A. S. WATSON & CO.,
LIMITED.

VEGETABLE & FLOWER
SEEDS.

SEASON 1894-95.

Orders will be executed in the sequence in
which they are received as long as the supply
lasts.

SEED LISTS

with
HINTS FOR GARDENING have been issued and
may still be obtained on application.

Our Seeds are all tested before being put up
in London. They are packed under our own
Supervision, and the greatest care is exercised
to insure protection in transit.

Sowings should be made in fine weather only
and the remainder of the packets secured from
damp, and kept in a dry place for repeat Sow-
ings.

CLAY'S FERTILIZER.

A high-class Fertilizer for Pot Plants and for
use in the Garden generally: It supplies natural
nourishment to the soil, and assists the process
of assimilation, thereby aiding the Plants to
attain to their full size, vigour and beauty.

Sold in Tins containing 10 lbs. each. \$1.75
25 lbs. " " \$4.50
Directions for Use are given on the Label.

RANSOME'S "NEW PARIS"
LAWN MOWERS,
The Best and Cheapest Machines in the Market.
For Sale at Manufacturers' Prices.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,
ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

Hongkong, 15th September, 1894.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG
TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY
REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

DEATH.

On September 17th at her residence in the
city of Bangkok, NANETTE LAURA, the wife of
Mr. S. Tiseman.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

SHANGHAI WAR CORRESPONDENCE.

LONDON, October 2nd.
The Times' correspondent in Shanghai reports
that 35,000 Japanese troops have landed between
the Yellow River and Tientsin.

[Who is the Times' correspondent in Shanghai? Surely not the rabid Anson of the China Gazette.] It is bad enough to have this feather-bed Irish war correspondent of the New York Herald filling Gordon Bennett's paper with lying twaddle from imaginary Japanese "specials" at the front—the front of Tokyo—although that kind of thing is a leading feature in advanced American journalism; but we really cannot, without protest, allow the gay old Thunderer and the British public to be gulled by the shallow pretences of an apparently unscrupulous charlatan, whose chief aims would seem to be to distort well-known facts and gain a cheap notoriety by propagating the childish vapourings of a discredited imagination. What are Reuters' agents in the Far East doing to allow nonsense of this kind to be sent home as reliable information without explanation or contradiction? We shall next hear from the Times' correspondent in Shanghai of the

Chinese Galleon that the Japanese "Invincibles" have taken Kowloon and Hongkong and are performing "John Kilo" in the Indian ships. They actually have held an impossible position in the "Rue Koon Oop Ma Love" for a long time past.—Ed. H.K. Telegraph.]

THE JAPANESE ADVANCE.

The Japanese troops in Korea, advancing from Sing Yang, have reached Anjia. Headquarters have been formed at Ping-yang.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

ROME, September 1st.
Belgandage continues in Sicily, where the suffering is still very great.

BRINDISI, September 2nd.
His Highness the ex-Khedive, Ismail Pasha, has arrived here, coming from Trieste and going to Constantinople.

WASHINGTON, September 3rd.
Several forests have been burnt in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Six towns have been destroyed. There are 500 victims.

TANZIER, September 4th.
The Kabyles who are in revolt, have sacked the environs of Marrakesh and laid siege to the town. A capitulation is feared.

LONDON, September 15th.
Advice received from the New Hebrides state that her Majesty's cruiser Ringarooma, which went ashore on the reefs off Mallicollia Islands, has been floated. The damage to the vessel is of a slight nature.

News has been received that the steamship Falcon, one of the Newfoundland sealing fleet, arrived at St. John's (Newfoundland) bringing home safely Lieut. Peary and his party from their headquarters at Bowdoin Bay, Ingleside Gulf, Greenland, after a most adventurous and successful campaign in the Polar regions. Lieut. Peary, who was accompanied by his wife and by a young Norwegian, returned to the north coast of Greenland in August. Peary and the Norwegian explored the Archipelago which stretches north and north-eastern shores of Greenland. The expedition experienced cold beyond the imagination, and many dogs were frozen solid during the exploration.

VIENNA, September 15th.
The members of the Austrian and Hungarian delegations were received by the Emperor Francis Joseph to-day. Replying to the customary addresses from their president, His Majesty referred to the more tranquil condition of the situation in Europe which existed at the time of the late Emperor's death, and alluded to the very friendly relations of Austria-Hungary with the Powers. Notwithstanding these facts, the Emperor said it was necessary for the Government to continue the Empire's programme of armaments.

LONDON, September 17th.
The will of the late Comte de Paris has been published. In it he asks his friends to support his son, and expresses his conviction that it is necessary for France to become a Christian nation in order to recover her past greatness.

VIENNA, September 17th.
Count Kalnoky delivered a long speech on Foreign Affairs before the Budget Committee of the Austrian Delegation to-day. The Imperial Minister for Foreign Affairs, in summing up his criticism of the general situation, dwelt upon the growing friendliness which is now observed between all the Powers in Europe, and their appreciation of the pacific objects aimed at by the Triple Alliance. Nevertheless, he said, it was impossible to lay aside the sword, until Europe was sure that a guarantee for the maintenance of peace existed beyond all possible doubts.

MEXICO, September 17th.
The President of the Republic in opening the second session of the Congress yesterday, said that the war in Korea delayed the meeting of the Conference to discuss the silver question, in which Mexico and the Asiatic and American States intended to take part.

LONDON, September 19th.
H.M.S. cruiser Amphion, under the Command of Captain John R. Pattison, has gone to Casa Blanca to overawe the natives.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE meeting of the Legislative Council fixed for Monday next has been postponed sine die.

ANOTHER popular smoking concert will be given in the Theatre Royal on Saturday evening. Vide advertisement.

THE entries for Saturday's Gymkhana will be held in another column. "An Old Sportsman" will discuss them at length to-morrow.

MR. KLOBUKOWSKY (French General Consul) arrived here to-day in the French mail steamer Saphallen from Marseilles en route to Yokohama.

The old "Shire" liner *Elmshurst*, recently sold to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, has been re-named *Toyoshima maru*, and is now under command of Captain Swain.

THE French gunboat *Pluvier* relieved the *Viper* at Hongkong on the 20th ultimo, the latter vessel proceeding at once to Chantaboon, en route to Saigon and Hongkong.

WE note that Mr. W. M. Goodman, Attorney-General of this colony, had arranged to leave London for the Far East by the P. & O. Co's steamer *Parramatta* on Sept. 13th.

MR. ROBT. C. DIXON, Government Marine Surveyor, with Mrs. Dixon and family, returned to the colony yesterday from leave of absence by the "Blue Funnel" steamer *Palamedes*.

ON Tuesday night, a large junk attempted to pass through the Sibthorp's channel (Shanghai) on her journey north, with the object of avoiding the *Nitin* guard-boats, but she struck a torpedo and was blown to pieces. A fishing boat bearing the explosion went to the spot—probably to loot the wreck—but this was also blown up, and says the *N. C. Daily News* of the 20th ultimo, when the guard-boats arrived only a few planks remained, several men being drowned. In regard to placing torpedoes in the two channels south of Tungshou Island, known as Tungshou and Tungshou channels, it is stated that some years ago the importance of guarding them was represented to the Chinese Government by certain foreign experts, in consequence of which, upon the return of the late Marquis Tseung to China, the Shanghai authorities decided to have the approaches thoroughly fortified. However, the Marquis Tseung died and nothing was done. Upon the outbreak of the present hostilities, the plans and chart were looked up, and the expert Prefect, Shen Tzu-ho, Director of the Nanjing Naval Academy, was sent down to Shanghai to make arrangements for defending these gateways to the Yangtze ports and Shanghai. No fewer than six hundred submarine mines have since been laid, while gunboats and cruisers have been stationed to guard them from being tampered with by the enemy. A gunboat recently struck one of the torpedoes and was blown up, a number of her crew being killed.

THE P. M. S. S. Co's telegrapher *Peru*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 15th ult., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, via Nagasaki, to-morrow at daylight.

AN express was issued this afternoon notifying that on Saturday, the 17th November, the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps will parade at Headquarters at 3.30 p.m. for route marching, and target practice from 7 p.m. R.M.L. guns at North Point.

THAT brilliant ornament of the Hongkong Civil Service, Mr. A. K. Travers, our local Postmaster, returned to the colony this morning by the French mail steamer *Saphallen* from a very lengthy and, to the colony, unjustifiably expensive leave of absence.

NOTICE was given on the 20th ultimo by the Japanese Hydrographical Department that vessels cannot enter Hayao Sound, the entrance to Hiroshima, where the Mikado has taken up his temporary residence, owing to torpedoes having been laid there.

BOWERING, a marine serving on H.M.S. *Undaunted*, was accidentally drowned off Victoria about last night, while attempting to jump on board a sampan which was moored about fifty yards off the wharf. The body of the unfortunate man was recovered by the Water Police about 11 p.m. and removed to the Mortuary.

THE *China Wall* has become the laughingstock of our neighbours in the sweet-smelling Land of the White Elephant, and was held up to ridicule as the most ridiculous of all the "news" of the month, thusly:—"A Company has been floated in Paris with a capital of five million francs to work the Wattana Gold Mines, Siam.—*China Mail*.—Go from home to learn news."

WE are glad to learn that the jungle fever has at last ceased at Thursday Island, but a worse scourge has turned up in the shape of a deluge of highly civilized Japanese immigrants who not only monopolize the pearl fishing industry, but promise to become as great plunderers as the Chinese were before proper restrictive measures were enforced. It is rumoured at Thursday Island, that the Government will before long levy a Japanese poll-tax, similar to the impost that proved such an effective barrier to the rapid influx of Chinese coolies a few years ago.

At the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. G. W. Allen, Acting Judge, the case of *Raymond, 1110 master of the steamer Pekin*, against Mr. J. J. Malcampo, head of the Sui Kee Chan firm, to recover \$304.64, balance of wages and board allowance alleged to be due to the plaintiff, Mr. J. Hastings appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. C. D. Wilkinson for the defendant. From the evidence of the plaintiff it appeared that \$300 was due for salary, plus \$4.64 for board allowance from May to September. Mr. Geo. Fowles gave the following evidence:—"Was not the plaintiff a seaman on the steamer *Pekin*, and after Messrs. J. Malcampo, A. Cordeiro and Captain Arrangura had been examined for the defence, the hearing was adjourned till 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, when two more witnesses will be examined."

THAT irrepressible twaddler, Mr. Sydney B. J. Skerchiff, has been advertising himself to some considerable extent in the London *Times* on the subject of the plague in Hongkong, and posing as an authority on matters of which he knows absolutely nothing. He has likewise been gratuitously advertising Dr. Canille and "our six-year-old College of Medicine for Chinese." Skerchiff wants somebody to donate the trifling sum of £5,000 to this noble institution—which is all that is wanted for some time to come—and among other clever things in his previous communication he said the "most curious question" was not the one he asked: "Did not the bamboo flower this year?" Skerchiff was the enthusiastic scientist who volunteered for work in the slums, and after two or three hours' experience wrote to the local newspapers complaining that baths and other luxuries were not available. He was out with the workers on about three occasions, with men who meant to work and did good work, and yet he is recommended by Mr. Jao, J. Francis, Q.C., Chairman of the Sanitary Committee of the Sanitary Board, as a fit, proper and deserving person to be specially rewarded for doing nothing. Mr. Sydney B. J. Skerchiff, so far as the plague is concerned, is a blatant humbug. And the question will naturally arise to anyone reading the misleading and untruthful rubbish in the *Times*—What is Francis, Q.C.?

MESSRS. WHELOCK & Co's freight market report dated Hongkong, 28th September, 1894, contains the following:—"At the moment there is a great scarcity of tonnage for London, and departing steamers have met with good support. For New York via Canal the present season has proved a harvest for Conference steamers, and there seems every prospect that the next vessel to load will meet with a good contribution from here. For New York by rail, small lots of cargo have been offered, and forwarded by Hongkong by steamer, for transhipment to sailing vessels there. Coastwise—Fruitcases continue dull and there is very little doing. From Newchwang to Canton there is an enquiry for small steamers at 32 cents, but tonnage seems very scarce. For London via Suez.—The last vessel to leave was the *Irion* on the 20th with a very fair quantity of cargo for London. At the moment there is no cargo for London by sea. This is the only vessel advertised to load, with the exception of the mails, and she may expect to be well supported. For New York via Canal.—The *Enargia* sailed on the 20th inst. for Foochow, there to complete her loading, and the *Strathdon*, now loading, is expected to sail on the 2nd prox, both vessels procuring all they required from here. The *Glenelg* expected to-morrow from Japan will be ready to load on the 1st prox, and as she has plenty of space available for this port, she should secure a good quantity of cargo. For New York via Cape.—We have nothing on at the berth, and the only procurable tonnage is at Hongkong where cargo can be sent from here at twenty-five shillings per ton measurement. For London via Suez.—The *Enargia* sailed on the 20th inst. for Foochow, there to complete her loading, and the *Strathdon*, now loading, is expected to sail on the 2nd prox, both vessels procuring all they required from here. 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desired Hill out the girl's neck and stabbed her in the breast, and then cut his own throat. They then separated and went home, each being found later in the day in bed.

Miss Spooner was amongst the witnesses examined. She detailed the whole of the strange proceedings. She said that she had been urged by accused to commit suicide. "After taking a draught of laudanum," she proceeded, "I urged him to stab me."

The witness produced a letter from the prisoner, which was written yesterday. In this letter he expresses his regard for the girl in most affectionate language, and in one passage writes, "I love you more than ever."

The accused was remanded in order to enable the police to collect further evidence.

August 30th.
The coalminers' strike in Scotland shows signs of collapsing.

The question as to whether the strike of coalminers in Scotland should be continued was decided by ballot to-day.

The result showed that the majority of the miners had determined to accept a reduction in wages of 6d. per day. Work is to be resumed.

Mr. J. A. Pictou and Sir J. Whitehead, Gladstonian Liberal members for Leicester, having resigned on the ground of ill-health, fresh elections took place yesterday.

Messrs. Broadbent and Hazzel, (liberals) were returned, defeating the Conservative and Labour candidates.

The Japanese Government has purchased 200,000 needle guns in Vienna.

An anarchist has been arrested at Milan on a charge of being concerned in a plot on the life of the King of Greece. The police have ascertained that it was intended to stab King George.

The Kafir revolt at Zoutpansburg, in the Northern district of the Transvaal, has been suppressed by the Boer force sent against the rebels.

SYDNEY, August 30th.
The New South Wales Government have offered a reward of £1000 for the discovery of those concerned in the burning of the steamer *Rodney* on the Darling River.

Further cases of intimidation by unionist shepherds in New South Wales are reported. The New South Wales Parliament was opened on Tuesday with the usual ceremony.

The Governor's speech stated that Parliament would be invited to discuss the fiscal policy of the colony by repealing the Customs tariff of 1891 and imposing a tax on the unimproved value of land.

The cost of the last general election was £30,000.

MELBOURNE, August 30th.
The Victorian Government were defeated on a vote of confidence motion in the Legislative Assembly by 46 votes to 42.

The Governor has since consented to grant a dissolution of Parliament.

At a conference of the town and country representatives of the Victorian Free Trade Democratic Association held in Melbourne, a resolution was passed demanding the abolition of all protective duties.

LONDON, August 30th.
Mr. Justin Huntly McCarthy, son of Mr. Justin McCarthy, M.P., has married Miss Clary Loftus, the actress.

The anarchist Sternberg, the author of the recent dynamite outrages at Liege, in Belgium, has been arrested in St. Petersburg.

The anarchist Salvador French, the perpetrator of the bomb outrage at the Liceo Theatre, Barcelona, Spain, in November last, which resulted in the death of 15 persons, was executed yesterday.

Prior to the execution he made a remarkable confession. He expressed regret for the crime, and embraced Christianity.

Mr. Sandford Fleming, C.M.G., estimates that his proposed cable across the Pacific, which could be constructed at a cost of £2,000,000, would yield a surplus of £20,000 from the start. This would increase in 10 years to a surplus of £168,500.

The *Times* expresses the opinion that the Government ought to entertain, with an open mind, the various proposals for the construction of the Pacific cable.

News has been received from Samoa via San Francisco to the effect that H.M.S. *Curacoa* and the German cruiser *Falk* bombarded the rebel stronghold at Lualaba on the 18th August. They were assisted by King Mallet's troops.

Heavy fighting took place between the rebels and the Government troops, and lasted several days.

The rebels suffered severely, and eventually surrendered.

September 1st.
An Austrian military officer has had a most sensational ballooning experience, details of which are just to hand. It appears that a military balloon at Vienna, used for ascent, had about 20 persons in the attached car, and was moored some distance from the ground.

The officer intending to make the ascent with the others proceeded to reach the car by climbing up some ropes which had been arranged for the purpose. While he was engaged in this manner the moorings, by some unexplained manner, gave way, and the occupants jumped out, the whole of them alighting without injury.

The balloon, which was without an anchor, and had not been provided with ballast, suddenly shot into the air as soon as it was relieved of the weight of the 20 passengers, the officer still clinging to the ropes. For nine hours he was carried through the air, but eventually the balloon came down and landed him in a wood 50 miles from Vienna.

He was little the worse for his exciting experience. The frozen sheep brought by the ship *Timaru* from Geelong, 30th April, were irregular in quality, but it is considered that on the average they are the best that have ever come from Australia. The mutton is selling at 2½ to 2½ per lb.

The *Daily News* this morning contains an article commenting on the situation in Samoa and bombardment of the rebel stronghold on the 18th August by H.M.S. *Curacoa* and the German cruiser *Falk*.

It questions the right of the *Curacoa* to interfere in the fighting, and declares that such intervention was exercised solely in support of King Mallet's troops, and not because the lives of the British subjects were endangered, as was alleged to have been the case.

The French authorities have completed a preliminary inquiry concerning the explosion at Oise, and the result is that the managing director, M. Stavrois, has been dismissed the position. The allegations made against the management, which have been fully sustained on inquiry, were to the effect that there was no attempt at making a distinction between the sexes, though some of the inmates were 16 years of age. The dormitories and the bathing rooms were common to both the boys and the girls, who were allowed to mingle together without the slightest restriction. One of the directors excused the method of management on the ground that the mingling of the sexes overcame the moral feelings which were likely to grow out of a system of isolating the boys from the girls, a system which he declared to be a fruitful method of teaching juvenile minds sentiments of atheism and anarchy.

The inquiry has not yet been completed, and it is the intention of the authorities to have a thorough investigation regarding the grave scandal, which has caused a great deal of consternation.

The natives at Lorenzo Marques, a Portuguese town at Delagoa Bay, South Africa, have broken out into revolt under Mowja, a native chief.

Sir George Grey will pass the winter on the Continent, returning to London in the spring.

There has been a great increase of trade in the United States owing to the operation of the new tariff. The value of wool for domestic purposes has advanced 35 per cent.

The woolen factories which were compelled to suspend work in consequence of the commercial depression, are resuming operations.

September 2nd.
Serious encounters have taken place between the police and the pickets of the coal miners on strike at the village of Law and the town of Coatbridge, in Lanarkshire, Scotland.

The police charged the mob at both places, and several of the strikers were wounded.

A determined act of lynch law is reported from Shelby County, Tennessee, United States. Six negroes who were caught in the act of setting fire to houses were seized by a masked mob and lynched.

Great fires have occurred in the forests of the State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Six hundred people who were unable to escape from the rapidly-advancing flames were burnt to death. Of this number 200 persons perished at the town of Hinckley, which was consumed by the wave of fire.

Five other towns were destroyed, the damage being estimated at several million dollars.

The passengers by a train which was travelling through the burning country abandoned the train and took refuge in a swamp. They were surrounded by fire, but eventually 200 of them were rescued.

The Khedive of Egypt, Abbas Pasha, has countermanded an order which had been given for holding a court-martial upon three Pashas at Cairo, including the President of the Egyptian Legislative Council, who were recently placed under arrest for snatching Sudanese girls.

In revenge for attacks made on the army by the *Akropolis*, a newspaper published in Athens, 130 officers and soldiers have wrecked the office of that journal.

September 3rd.
All Cherif, President of the Egyptian Legislative Council, and Hassan Pasha, a retired gentleman, who were arrested a few days ago on a charge of trading in Sudanese slave girls, are to be tried by court-martial. The Khedive at first declined to sanction the holding of a court-martial for the purpose, but he has now withdrawn his opposition to the course. The third Pasha charged in connection with the affair has not yet been arrested.

In an article upon the prospects of the federal movement in Australia, the *London Times* states that the triumph of free-trade in New South Wales, and the probable decrease of protection in Victoria, augur well for the accomplishment of the federation of Australia.

The French Government is taking measures for rapidly equipping the French mailboats with armed cruisers in view of possible contingencies. The Messageries Maritimes steamer *Polynezie* is being fitted to carry ten Hotchkiss guns and 56 tons of war material.

A despatch from St. Petersburg gives particulars of a suicide surrounded by romantic circumstances which has taken place in that city. The victim was a married lady, first wife of the Aquarium Theatre, and conceived a violent passion for one of the actresses. The young woman, however, learned that the man was already married, and therefore scornfully rejected his advances. The affair preyed so much upon the lover's mind that he procured a revolver, and going to the restaurant attached to the theatre blew his brains out.

The Berlin journal *Vossische Zeitung* publishes an article commenting upon the state of affairs in Samoa, where the German cruiser *Bussard* and H.M.S. *Curacoa* recently shelled the stronghold of the rebels and reduced them to submission. The *Vossische Zeitung* proposes that a conference of representatives of the Powers interested in Samoa should be held in Berlin to arrange for the government of that country.

Other newspapers are clamouring for the adoption of measures to remedy the present state of affairs in Samoa.

The steamer *Mowra*, of Mr. James Huddart's Canadian-Australian line, which recently grounded while on an excursion to Norway, and which has since been thoroughly overhauled, sailed on Sunday with passengers for Sydney, via the Cape.

September 4th.
The Kabyles who have broken out into a revolt in Morocco are besieging several towns, and have committed great excesses.

They looted the towns, and have seized many of the women, whom they sold into bondage. The Kabyles also pillaged the houses of the Jewish population.

Serious rioting has taken place in the Republic of Paraguay.

During the disturbances six of the rioters were shot for attempting to murder the daughter of the President, General Hippolyte.

An attempt was also made to assassinate the President, and a number of rioters concerned in the plot was also shot.

A terrible explosion is reported from Cornwall. The disaster occurred in a dynamite factory, and resulted in the loss of two lives. The damage done to property was extensive.

At the Trades Union Congress at Norwich a resolution was carried, indirectly censuring Mr. Fenwick, labour M.P., for voting against the proposal in the Commons to legalise the eight hours day for miners. The voting was 275 for the measure and 16 against.

An extraordinary theft of mail bags is reported from the General Post Office, London. Three bags were left unguarded for about a minute, and when they were sought for they were nowhere to be found. No clue has been obtained as to the perpetrators of the theft.

At a meeting of the Irish National League held at Dublin to-day, Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P., made a vigorous attack on the M.C. Carthy section of the National Party. He declared that party was in the pay of the Government, and witness the recent donation of a cheque by Mr. Gladstone towards the funds of the Irish Parliamentary party.

With reference to the agitation against the House of Lords, which recently rejected the Evicted Tenants' Bill, Mr. Shaw said that the Government was powerless to do anything in the matter.

Rail has commenced to fall in the State of Minnesota, and the latest fires are gradually being extinguished.

The drought continues, however, in the States of Wisconsin and Michigan, and the fires are still burning.

Forty square miles of country have been devastated.

The War Office has announced its intention to issue medals to men in the Colonial regular forces for meritorious service, distinguished conduct, and long service, under conditions similar to those in the Imperial Army.

A distressing fatality has occurred at Morecombe Bay, the popular watering-place in Lancashire.

A yacht carrying a large number of holiday-makers was capsized, and so of those on board were drowned.

Fighting is reported to have taken place on the Niger, in West Africa, between the troops of the Royal Niger Company and a French force. The captain of the Royal Niger Company's force was severely wounded.

Further details are to be heard with regard to the

terrible forest fires which have devastated great tracts of country in America.

The fires were due to the unusually parched state of the country, resulting from a protracted drought, which had extended over two months.

They commenced on Friday in the State of Minnesota, and carried by a high wind, the flames extended with alarming rapidity.

Sixteen towns, exclusive of villages were destroyed.

The total number of people burned to death is estimated at 1,500.

The high rate of mortality was due to a sudden change in the wind, whereby towns which were reckoned to be safe from the devastating element were unexpectedly engulfed in the flames.

In many places the citizens kept the fire at bay for hours till they became so exhausted that they were absolutely unable to battle with the advancing fire any longer, and were burned to death. The air was filled with the shrieks of the dying.

In several instances men and women stood up to their waists in pools of water, and saved themselves by dashing water over each other, while others wallowed in the mud.

A new scheme has been formulated by the Stock Conversion Trust, under which it is proposed to deal with £2,000,000 of deposit receipts of the following banks:—Australian Joint Stock Bank, Bank of Victoria, City of Melbourne Bank, Commercial Bank of Australia, London Bank of Australia, National Bank of Australia and Queensland National Bank.

It is intended to convert half of the face value of the deposit receipts into a per cent. cumulative preference stock, and the remainder of separate deposit stock for each bank, thus enabling depositors to realise half the amount of their deposits.

Later.
Bankers are apathetic regarding the Stock Conversion Trust's deposit scheme, and it is not expected that many deposit receipts will be converted under the conditions of the scheme.

Additional advice is to be had concerning the terrible forest fires which have devastated vast tracts of country in America.

The details of the destruction caused are appalling. The smoke from the burning country renders navigation on Lakes Superior and Michigan dangerous.

It is estimated that 150,000,000 trees have been burnt in the State of Minnesota alone.

THE BATTLE OF PING-YANG.
The following Japanese official reports of the battle of Ping-yang, which we take from our Japan exchanges, show that the first reports of the engagement were grossly exaggerated.

Various reports of interested Japanese correspondents who have but little, if any, regard for the truth:—

The Tokyo *Asahi* publishes the following telegram, received at the Principal Headquarters at Hiroshima:—

KO YAO, 3:45 a.m., September 17th.
The column under Colonel Sato, which started from Yuenan, advanced toward Ping-yang by way of Son-chi, and the column of General Tachimi advanced from San-yong, by way of Bok-den-ten, the Brigade of General Ohshima by the Ichu road, and the main body, under General Nozu, crossed the river Tai-dong, marched along the northern bank of the river and invested Ping-yang on the 15th. General Ohshima reported that the greater part of the enemy's forces were quartered within the city of Ping-yang and on its left and right banks, a small portion being at San-kyo-ten on the northern bank of the river Tai-dong, over which a bridge was constructed.

Judging from discoveries made after the fighting, the number of cannon possessed by the enemy appears to have been only about twenty. The Koreans believed the strength of the enemy at Ping-yang to be about 40,000. The march of the main body of the Japanese army, a little delayed in consequence of crossing the river, in the attack on the 15th, the main body killed or wounded about 100 cavalry of the enemy. The attack on this day was not satisfactory. The attack was renewed on the 16th at daylight. Six Japanese officers were killed and 13 or 15 wounded and over 300 non-commissioned officers and men were either killed or wounded in the column of General Ohshima. Ammunition ran short, and the obliged the column to retire. But in the meantime the attack from all other directions proved successful, and by about 8 a.m. Ping-yang was taken. General So-Ho-ki, Commander-in-Chief, and other Chinese officers were either killed, wounded or captured, together with immense stores of ammunition and provisions.

YAMAGATA, Field Marshal, 1:50 a.m., Sept. 18th.
The Commander of the 5th Division despatched a detachment northward yesterday (17th) to pursue the enemy. The number of the prisoners is reported to have reached 600. In the column under Colonel Sato, three officers were killed, four wounded, and 140 non-commissioned officers and men were killed and wounded. No report has yet been received from the other columns. Among the prizes captured, it is reported, there were 40 cases filled with gold and silver, each weighing over 200 lbs. and 67,000 *hwan* of silver coins.

YAMAGATA, Field Marshal, 11:15 a.m., Sept. 18th.
A telegram was received here this morning from Surgeon Kitchi, stating that seventy-seven wounded Chinese have been picked up on the field of battle and medical attendance given to them.

8:12 p.m., Sept. 17th.
The officers and men wounded in the battle at Ping-yang, together with the sick, have been sent to Chemulpo by steamers.

The walls of Ping-yang, we learn from Japanese sources, are of stone. They are over 30 feet high, 18 to 20 feet thick at the base, and 12 feet thick at the top. There are five great gates and four smaller entrances.

The *Miyako Shinbun* yesterday issued an "extra" containing the following telegram from Hiroshima, dated 8:33 p.m. September 17th:—

Foo-To-Sho (? Yeh-Chie-Chiao), the Chinese General who commanded the Chinese troops at Anan, has been captured at Kolsan, Whanghaido. He is wounded in the left foot and has been placed in the field hospital of the Japanese Army.

It is reported that the number of Chinese killed and wounded in the battle at Ping-yang reached 10,000 only.

The Naval authorities have laid torpedoes in the Hayase Strait, Hiroshima Gulf, and the passage of vessels through the strait has been prohibited.

The Tokyo *Asahi*, speculating on the next battle to be fought in Korea, says that it will probably take place in the neighbourhood of Kuren Castle, on the northern bank of the Yalu river, as the Chinese were reported to be strongly fortifying the frontier of China. It is about 30 miles from Ping-yang to Ichu, on the southern bank of the Yalu river, which divides Korea and China. If this proves correct, the next battle will be fought about the end of this, or early next month.

The *Nichi Nichi* gives the following telegram as received by the War Department yesterday from the Headquarters at Hiroshima:—

Hiroshima, 11:15 a.m., September 19th.
The following report from General Nam at Ping-yang was received yesterday (18th):—

In the attack on Ping-yang eight officers and 154 non-commissioned officers and men were killed, and twenty-six officers, 378 non-commissioned officers and men and three supernumeraries were missing; 40 non-commissioned officers and men were wounded.

The number of the enemy killed was over 2,000. The number of wounded was not yet known, but it is expected to be double the number of the killed. The number of prisoners was 513 Chinese and 14 Koreans, besides 82 Chinese and two Koreans, who were wounded and captured. The number of the enemy's horses killed is almost localisable.

NOZU.
Dated in Ping-yang, September 18th.

FOOCHOW NOTES.
September 29th.

A large number of fowls are reported to have died of late, owing probably to the intense heat. Many of the native tea dealers from Peking have closed their business for this season and return to their homes.

Ting-chung, a military mandarin, has lately been ordered by the Viceroy to start for Formosa to take charge of the garrison at Tamsui.

The Kaiphong magistrate, owing to his father's death has retired in mourning, and we learn that Tong-yo-see, a native of Kiangsi has been appointed to the post and took over the seals of office on Wednesday last.

A very popular mandarin named Tan-Tu-Shih has passed away. Born in Canton, he has been for over 30 years in this province, and was much respected by the people. He was at the time of his death 70 years of age.

A meeting composed of over 20 proprietors of the opium smoking dens, took place in the Loong-cheng-ung Temple's Hall last Monday, to fix a uniform price for the drug in all such dens, and to insist that only good copper cash be circulated therein.

In the river, near the West gate outside the city, often dead bodies are seen floating down, and sometimes they remain on the beach to be devoured by the dogs. To prevent this objectionable sight a benevolent society has placed a coffin in the street, with a notice soliciting donations, to defray the burial expenses in such cases.

We hear that not less than 12 magistrates in the province of Fokien have received instructions from the Provincial Treasurer to remit the revenue money of their districts, without delay, to the Treasury Office, as it has already been delayed too long, threatening that those failing to comply with this order shall be dismissed from their post.

We hear that Ching Yu, the newly appointed Tatar General for this post, is coming from Peking by the first steamer. H. E. is a native of Manchuria and of respectable antecedents amongst the Chinese. About ten years ago when he was Provincial Treasurer at this post he was very much esteemed by the people. He is now about 70 years of age.

Rumour has it that the British steamer *Pathan* carrying arms from New York to Yokohama for the Japanese Government has been seized off the coast of Formosa by order of the Viceroy of this province. As we go to press we are unable to obtain more particulars of what seem a most extraordinary and serious case. She is now detained and discharging her cargo at Keelung.

A petition signed by the dealers in shell-fish has lately been presented to the Salt Commissioner, complaining that the *Hsin* runners are molesting them by detaining their goods when passed by the station, causing considerable delay to their business. The Salt Commissioner posted an instructing the runners to avoid such detention, and that should any one be found disobeying this order he would be punished severely.

Private telegrams from the North advise that the Chinese troops in Korea have withdrawn and entrenched themselves in the fortified city of Chiu Lin Chien, on the Chinese side of the Yalu River. Also that the Empress Dowager has publicly notified that she intends to hand over to the Board of War for defraying the expenses of the war all the money sent her, for the celebration of her 60th birthday which she will celebrate privately in the City Palace instead of in the Yuen Ming Yuen Palace as proposed.—*Reko*

KOREAN NOTES.
(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
CHEMULPO, September 19th.

The Japanese Consul here has received a telegram from Seoul saying that the Japanese army has taken Ping-yang. An attack was made at 5 o'clock on the morning of the 16th from four sides, and after some fighting the city capitulated on the evening of the same day. This is all the telegram tells us, but Japanese merchants here report that 20,000 Chinese were killed and about 300 Japanese, who were chiefly killed by the premature explosion of a mine.

There is nothing like complete numbers, and I am rather surprised that any Japanese were slain at all. Later reports from the same source state that 40,000 Chinese were taken prisoners. There is nothing like large, round numbers. But that the Japanese have captured Ping-yang is without doubt true, although all we know at present is the information contained in the telegram. Japanese gunboats leave now for Ping-yang direct. The Chamber of Commerce in Chemulpo has ordered the Japanese merchants to hang black flags and illuminate their houses in celebration of the victory.

A Korean boatman who has taken supplies up to the Japanese camp reports an engagement just outside of Huanjo on the 16th inst. in which 2,000 Japanese were killed and wounded. This confirms the news last written about the engagement at Huanjo, although I have no doubt the figures are too high, as Koreans possess the habit, in company with the Japanese, of overstating facts. He also states that there is a great deal of dysentery in camp, which also confirms my previous statement. The fall of Ping-yang must be a great loss to the Chinese on account of the stores falling into the hands of the Japanese, although, as a stronghold, it is not a great success on account of its low situation. It was very easily be shelled.

The last lot of transports brought with them 4,000 soldiers, 3,000 coolies, about 3,000 animals, chiefly pack ponies, and 13 guns, also 563 Korean coolies from Yusan. These say they are 300 more to follow. The Korean coolies are divided into groups of ten, each governed by a policeman. They receive 60 cents a day each and food, and the Japanese have promised not to send them to the front where there is any fighting. The other evening they were discussing whether they should go on or run away. I think before long they will choose the latter course.

Report says that both Namsé, the Japanese Consul at Chemulpo, and Ohtsú, the Japanese Minister in Seoul, have been recalled, and the same report mentions the former Consul-General in Seoul has been recalled. It is also true the Japanese intend raising the Chemulpo Consulate into a Consulate-General and on a level with Yusan. The reason of the recall of these two officials is not known, although rumour also states that the diplomatic body at Seoul have sent a protest to the Japanese government concerning Ohtsú.

Mr. Hillier arrived by H.M.S. *Caroline* on Tuesday, after leave of absence, and the ship will take Mr. and Mrs. Gardner back to Amoy.

The Korean Government has issued an order commanding every Korean to place a small tablet over the door of his house giving his name and rank with the number of inmates living in his house. The King's father has become more bold of late. A few days ago an official, Yi Pong Pil, was beheaded for suggesting that Pak Yeng Ho (Kim-Ok-Klum's associate) should be appointed to office.

A Japanese man-of-war has just come in with the news of a naval engagement off Port Arthur in which four Chinese ironclads were sunk and 25 Japanese killed and the Japanese flagship badly damaged. How much truth there is in the story no one knows.

I give here a translation of the Japanese *Official Gazette* as posted up on the Consular notice board in Chemulpo:—

"Yesterday, the 15th day, our soldiers surrounded Ping-yang to the number of 20,000, and attacking the place obtained a great victory. How many of the bandit (Chinese) soldiers were killed and wounded we are unable to determine."

"At 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 16th we departed from Ping-yang."

This last bit of news implies that the Japanese army left Ping-yang and it would be very interesting to know why.—*N. C. Daily News.*

MOURNEN.
(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)
September 17th.

Notwithstanding the very prolonged rainy season and the flood along the river banks and low fields, it is gratifying to learn that the prospects for harvest are very good. As the rapid and large increase in price of grain was of evil omen, the fact that prices have gone down considerably is proof that the threatened destruction of crops is not realised. Just along the banks of the Liao the people are utterly without harvest; and these people will take advantage of the unsettled times and give local trouble.

Already we hear of "river thieves" and in some flooded districts bands to house of the wealthy, helping themselves in each house to a meal of food; but taking nothing away last they be accused of theft!

The war is a boon to many thousands of strong, intelligent, active young men out of situations, who have been recruited instead of the soldiers gone and going to the East. These men drill incessantly and are in great spirits as to the future. I learn that this recruiting is going on in almost every city, the trained men all going to the war.

The high authorities are apparently most eager to prevent, and anxious to make reparation for, any outbreaks against foreigners. The common people, especially the Manchou common people, as represented by the soldiers, have had an opportunity of showing their usually disguised hatred of the foreigner. I suppose the high officials don't love the foreigners; but they have some knowledge as to the danger connected with any active expression of that hatred. The common people entertain the hatred and are destitute of this wholesome knowledge. The action up to the present of our Governor-General has been most praiseworthy, in regard to every case of mischief by soldiers laid before him. I regret to say that the Manchou soldiers did not satisfy themselves with weakening their wrists against the foreigners. They are accused of end- less attacks upon and not a few murders of the people on their line of route. I have heard so many charges against the Chinese soldiers. These Manchou seem to require men at their head who make a free use of the cat-o-nine tails.—*N. C. Daily News.*

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.
(From Messrs. Geo. Palmer & Co.'s Register.)
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